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In re the Application of:

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For: PAYBACK SYSTEM, PAYBACK METHOD, AND RECORDING MEDIUM

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above identified application, as follows:

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please AMEND the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

A1 -- This application is a continuing application filed under 35 U.S.C. §111(a), based upon International Application PCT/JP00/00012, filed January 5, 2000, it being further noted that priority is based upon Japanese Patent Application 11-000425, filed January 5, 1999.--